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19 July 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director/OSA

SUBJECT : Imminent Appearance of Secretary of the Air Force and Joe Charyk before the McClelland Committee

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1. At 1635 this date, I had a telephone call from [redacted] formerly Comptroller of the NRO and presently Comptroller of the Communications Satellite Corporation.

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2. [redacted] advised me that Secretary Zuckert and Joe Charyk have been invited to appear before the McClelland Senate Committee incidental to the TFX inquiry. Mr. [redacted] stated that no firm date has been set for their appearance; however, it is expected that they will follow the appearance of the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Fred Korth.

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3. In preparation for their appearance, according to [redacted], Secretary of the Air Force and Mr. Charyk have prepared proposed responses to anticipated questions. In this regard [redacted] stated that the answers they proposed to give with regard to past experience in the use of titanium in aircraft are, in his opinion, untrue; and, therefore, the Secretary and Mr. Charyk, if they did respond in such fashion, would be committing perjury before the Senate Committee.

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4. [REDACTED] inquired of me as to whether their security clearance would afford them immunity in this regard. I informed [REDACTED] that in my opinion a security "clearance" or "approval" would not afford such immunity, and I immediately suggested to [REDACTED] that this is a matter before giving an answer to which I would solicit the guidance of our General Counsel and our Director of Security. I further informed [REDACTED] this is a matter which undoubtedly the Director of Central Intelligence would have an interest, and I inquired of him as to whether he had any objection to the matter being so referred.

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5. [redacted] stated that he would call Secretary Zuckert on the West Coast and call me back this date.

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6. At 1750 hours this date [redacted] called back, and advised me that he could not get in touch with Secretary Zuckert. He requested that I treat this matter in a confidential manner and take no action until he had contacted Secretary Zuckert. I informed [redacted] that I would be out of town on Monday, 22 July 1963, and I provided him with the name of my Deputy, [redacted], as his point of contact. [redacted] will contact [redacted] on 22 July 1963 and advise as to whether Agency support is desired in this matter.

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